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SUBJECT: CONTE SIGNS DECREE APPOINTING CENI MEMBERS

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[1](#)1. (SBU) On November 28, President Conte signed the decree appointing the 25 members to the newly created National Independent Electoral Commission (CENI) to administer the country's elections.

[1](#)2. (SBU) In early November, (reftel) Conte signed the law establishing the CENI; however, he delayed signing the decree designating the twenty-five CENI members. This led to widespread press speculation regarding further postponement of legislative elections.

[1](#)3. (SBU) COMMENT. The failure to appoint members to the CENI has been the primary obstacle to the starting of preparations for the next elections. Now that the members have been appointed, the commission can begin work. END COMMENT.

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